



Motor Gasoline Watch

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SUPPLY

! Although demand declined last week, reduced production resulted in stocks declining for the fourth consecutive week. Total motor gasoline stocks were down 2.0 million barrels to end the week at 186.1 million barrels, the lowest level for any week since August 29, 1997. Stocks of reformulated gasoline increased 0.3 million barrels to 38.4 million barrels as stocks of other finished gasoline fell 2.3 million barrels to 106.4 million barrels. Stocks of motor gasoline blending components ended the week at 41.0 million barrels, 0.2 million barrels above the level at the end of the prior week.

! Total motor gasoline stocks at the primary storage level were 18.1 million barrels below the level for the same week last year. Imports of total gasoline averaged 719 thousand barrels per day of which 372 thousand barrels per day were reformulated and 187 thousand barrels per day were blending components.

Gasoline Production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Thousand Barrels per Day)

District	Total Finished Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	10/13/00	10/20/00	10/27/00	11/03/00	11/05/99	10/13/00	10/20/00	10/27/00	11/03/00	11/05/99
East Coast (PADD I)	896	963	973	980	1,069	556	653	652	693	645
Midwest (PADD II)	1,902	1,959	1,961	1,914	1,937	265	264	269	247	276
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	3,637	3,615	3,673	3,633	3,542	673	703	720	738	719
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	276	267	283	265	319	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	1,346	1,364	1,359	1,267	1,242	1,001	1,000	970	902	869
U.S. Total	8,057	8,168	8,249	8,059	8,109	2,495	2,620	2,611	2,580	2,509

Gasoline Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	10/13/00	10/20/00	10/27/00	11/03/00	11/03/99	10/13/00	10/20/00	10/27/00	11/03/00	11/03/99
East Coast (PADD I)	50.6	48.7	46.5	45.5	57.7	17.4	15.1	14.5	16.0	18.2
Midwest (PADD II)	46.8	47.5	47.1	47.0	52.6	1.2	1.5	1.2	1.1	1.6
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	62.0	61.1	59.8	59.2	59.6	11.3	10.5	10.4	9.6	10.2
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	5.6	5.8	5.9	5.8	6.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	28.3	29.0	28.9	28.6	28.1	11.9	12.2	12.1	11.7	10.6
U.S. Total	193.3	192.2	188.1	186.1	204.2	41.8	39.3	38.1	38.4	40.6

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PRICES

! Gasoline spot prices in most markets rose slightly over the past week, corresponding to a small net gain in crude oil prices. A nominal increase in OPEC production quotas, along with a new truce between Israeli and Palestinian forces, kept crude oil markets stable, while gasoline prices firmed on declining inventories and scattered refinery problems. The New York Harbor spot price for conventional regular gasoline rose 1.02 cents for the week to 96.55 cents per gallon, while the Los Angeles CARB RFG spot price increased 2.00 cents to 132.00 cents per gallon.

! The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline dropped for the second straight week, falling 1.9 cents to 152.6 cents per gallon as of November 6, 2000, 29.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. Prices declined for most regions and formulations, led by solid decreases in the Midwest.

Regular Gasoline Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	10/16/00	10/23/00	10/30/00	11/06/00	11/08/99	10/16/00	10/23/00	10/30/00	11/06/00	11/08/99
New York	94.55	101.00	95.53	96.55	65.15	97.55	105.70	96.03	97.05	65.95
Chicago	97.93	104.15	95.40	88.75	67.55	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Houston	87.60	93.38	87.18	87.98	61.55	91.68	97.05	89.40	89.93	62.35
Los Angeles	103.00	119.00	125.00	127.00	77.50	108.00	124.00	130.00	132.00	80.00

Source: Reuters Information Services.

Regular Gasoline Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes)

District	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	10/16/00	10/23/00	10/30/00	11/06/00	11/08/99	10/16/00	10/23/00	10/30/00	11/06/00	11/08/99
East Coast (PADD I)	146.8	146.4	146.6	145.4	119.3	155.8	156.3	156.0	156.3	128.5
Midwest (PADD II)	151.9	156.6	153.9	150.3	120.7	154.3	152.3	156.2	151.8	123.4
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	145.1	144.1	144.3	143.2	119.0	141.2	141.8	141.5	140.3	117.2
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	161.7	162.8	164.2	162.7	133.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	171.0	170.1	170.0	168.9	133.9	180.1	178.9	178.9	178.5	132.8
U.S. Average	151.1	152.9	151.8	149.6	121.5	160.3	159.9	160.6	159.4	127.1

Source: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-878, Motor Gasoline Price Survey.

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